

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board recognizes that it has the responsibility to assure students the legal rights that are theirs by virtue of guarantees offered all persons under the federal/state constitutions and statues. These rights, however, are not without limitations and students, while at school and at school activities, do not have the same degree of statutory and constitutional rights that they may have while not at school or at school activities or the same degree of statutory and constitutional rights as adults.

In connection with rights are responsibilities that must be assumed by students. A student is responsible for the way he/she exercises his/her rights, and must accept the consequences of his/her actions and recognize the boundaries of his/her rights. Each exercise of an individual's rights must demonstrate respect for the rights of others.

These rights and responsibilities of students in the public schools of the district include:

1. civil rights--including the rights to equal educational opportunity and freedom from discrimination; the responsibility not to discriminate against others.
2. The right to attend free public schools; the responsibility to attend school regularly and to observe school rules essential for permitting others to learn at school.
3. The right to due process of law with respect to suspension and expulsion; the responsibility to follow school rules and policies.
4. The right to privacy, which includes privacy in respect to the student's records.

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